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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

These drawings replace the previous filed drawings. No new matter has been added.

Figure 2 has been amended to correct for a duplicate reference numeral.

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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1, 4, 13 and 17 have been amended. New claims 18-20 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 13 and 17-20 are pending.

Claims 1-4, 6, 13, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Huber* (6151978). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. *Huber* determines a zero torque condition by looking at several system variables. It is similar to the prior art discussed in the Background section of this application.

Applicant recites determining a relative movement between said first rotational component and said second rotational component indicative of an approximately zero torque condition in claims 1, 13 and 17. *Huber* cannot meet this limitation as *Huber* does not provide this determination.

As further corroboration, the *Huber* Figure locates sensor #1 (sensor 40) within or in communication with the engine 12. *Huber* cannot meet the limitation of a first sensor adjacent said first rotational component as *Huber* is concerned with engine speed. In addition, no just interpretation would support interpreting an engine as a rotational component. The claims are properly allowable.

Claim 4 recites wherein said controller identifies a first noise signature component indicative of an approximately zero torque condition. The Examiner points to Col. 2:56-3:7, however as recited above, absolutely no mention of a noise signature is disclosed or suggested. Claim 4 is properly allowable.

Claim 17 recites determining a speed irregularity between a first rotational component and a second rotational component. Again, *Huber* fails to disclose or suggest a determination of a speed irregularity between rotational components. Claim 17 is properly allowable.

New claims 18-20 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are required. However, should any additional fees or extensions of time be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

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